

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR PROMOTION IN THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE TO THE CLASSES INDICATED:

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(THE ABOVE NOMINATIONS WERE REPORTED WITH THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THEY BE CONFIRMED, SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEES' COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. HEFLIN:

S. 1468. A bill to extend and improve the price support and production adjustment program for peanuts, to establish standards for the inspection, handling, storage, and labeling of all peanuts and peanut products sold in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1469. A bill to extend the United States-Israel free trade agreement to the West Bank and Gaza Strip; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. ROTH, and Mr. DOLE):

S. 1470. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide for increases in the amounts of allowable earnings under the social security earnings limit for individuals who have attained retirement age, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1471. A bill to make permanent the program of malpractice coverage for health centers under the Federal Tort Claims Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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THE HEFLIN-ROSE PEANUT IMPROVEMENT ACT
OF 1995

● Mr. HEFLIN. Mr. President, I introduce the Heflin-Rose Peanut Program Improvement Act of 1995.

Auburn University recently released a study based on the same economic impact model employed by the Base Closure and Realignment Commission to determine the effects of various proposals that were being considered before the Lugar-Army peanut program compromise was reached and made part of the Roberts farm bill, which is part of the budget reconciliation bill. Using the figures and calculations of the Auburn report, the Lugar-Army compromise would result in an industry-wide, negative economic impact totaling \$375 million and will cause the loss of 5,400 jobs throughout the peanut industry.

While the Lugar-Army compromise is touted as an effort to achieve a no-net-cost program, in reality it will cost taxpayers \$60 million over 7 years. As a matter of fact, the Lugar-Army compromise actually kills the program over 7 years, encourages peanut imports, and cuts peanut farmer income by nearly 30 percent.

Congressman CHARLIE ROSE and I have worked on a peanut program which we feel is a much better bill. This proposal guarantees a no-net-cost program saves some \$43 million above what the Lugar-Army compromise saved. Our cost savings come from making foreign importers of peanuts pay the same assessments that U.S. peanut farmers have to pay and uses this money to offset the cost of the peanut program. In addition, to imposing assessments on importers, our proposal directs that the NAFTA and

GATT revenue derived from imported peanuts go toward paying for the peanut program rather than reducing farmer income.

The Heflin-Rose peanut program refrains from reducing farmer income by cutting the loan rate, and therefore, maintains the current law loan rate for quota and additional peanuts. Unlike the Lugar-Armey peanut program, which would allow unlimited cross-country transfers, the Heflin-Rose bill also measure infrastructure stability by permitting only limited transfers across county lines.

Furthermore, our legislation addresses health and food safety concerns due to the increased level of imports resulting from GATT and NAFTA. The American peanut farmer is held to the highest safety and inspection levels of any domestically-produced commodity. To not require at least an equivalent level of protection from foreign-grown peanuts jeopardizes American consumers.

For example, the Heflin-Rose bill requires that foreign-grown peanuts be inspected to determine whether or not they were produced with pesticides and other chemicals banned for use in this country. This legislation applies the same standards for quality, freedom from aflatoxin and procedures for the inspection and entry of imported peanuts that currently apply to domestically-produced peanuts under Marketing Agreement No. 146.

Peanut farmers strongly support achieving a no-net-cost peanut program. However, this goal can be achieved without slashing farmer income and with consideration to the economic costs on the communities that work and depend on the production of peanuts. If the Republicans are serious about deficit reduction, then this is a plan that saves a significant amount above their proposal, ensures a no-net-cost peanut program, and preserves farmer income while safeguarding American consumers with food safety provisions for imported peanuts and peanut products.●

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. ROTH, and Mr. DOLE)

S. 1470. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide for increases in the amounts of allowable earnings under the social security earnings limit for individuals who have attained retirement age, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

THE SENIOR CITIZENS FREEDOM TO WORK ACT OF 1995

● Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, today, with Senator MCCAIN, I am introducing the Senior Citizens' Freedom to Work Act. This bill raises the Social Security earnings limit for workers age 65 to 69 to \$30,000 by the year 2002. I am happy to say that this increase in the earnings limit is fully paid for over the 7-year period. In addition, this bill will protect the Social Security trust fund from disinvestment or underinvest-

ment by the Secretary of the Treasury or any other Federal officials.

Under current law, seniors in this age group, who earn more than \$11,280 this year, are penalized by forfeiting \$1 for every \$3 they earn over that limit. When coupled with other Federal taxes, these workers who earn above this \$11,280 mark face a 56-percent marginal tax rate.

As I have often said, this is not fair. The earnings penalty sends a message to senior citizens that we no longer value their experience and expertise in the work force. I am happy to introduce this legislation that will provide equity to these hard-working seniors.

I must note that a large part of the credit for this legislation in the Senate is due to the efforts of the senior Senator from Arizona, Senator JOHN MCCAIN, who has tirelessly championed this cause. I thank him for his work on this issue.●

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THE FEDERAL TORT CLAIMS ACT MALPRACTICE COVERAGE FOR HEALTH CENTERS EXTENSION ACT OF 1995

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, today Senator KENNEDY and I are pleased to introduce S. 1471, the Federal Tort Claims Act Malpractice Coverage for Health Centers Extension Act of 1995. Our bill will make permanent an exemption in current law that provides medical malpractice coverage under the Federal Tort Claims Act [FTCA] to federally funded community health center personnel.

The current law is due to expire on December 31, necessitating speedy consideration of this legislation in the Congress.

I am pleased to announce that the House passed this afternoon a similar bill, H.R. 1747, authored by my good friend from Connecticut, Representative NANCY JOHNSON and I am hopeful the Senate can take up the Johnson bill forthwith.

A brief recitation of the legislative history on this issue may be useful to my colleagues at this point.

In 1992, Senator KENNEDY and I worked with our colleagues in the House to treat community health center [CHC] physicians, nurses, and other personnel as Federal employees under the FTCA for the purpose of defending against malpractice claims.

Substituting the FTCA remedy for private lawsuits relieves CHC's from devoting their limited program funds to purchase costly private malpractice insurance. Purchase of such insurance had proven an extremely costly burden to the centers, which, I believe, have been doing a marvelous job in providing excellent care in underserved areas on what amounts to a shoestring budget.

The Federal Tort Claims Act, which falls under the jurisdiction of the Judi-

ciary Committee, stipulates strict procedural requirements for the consideration of claims. For example, it does not provide for jury trials or the award of punitive damages. These streamlined procedures act to reduce the number of, and costs associated with, tort claims.

By reducing insurance costs, the more than 500 community and migrant health centers can provide more direct medical services to the 5 million Americans who rely on these centers for their primary health care needs.

In the initial 3 years of our experience under the FTCA, it is encouraging to find that all experience suggests that health centers have a lower incidence of malpractice claims than comparable private insurance providers.

Through fiscal year 1995, it has been estimated that only 15 claims have been filed nationwide against the 119 participating health centers. Thus far, no funds have been required to be paid out under the statute to satisfy claims. In fact, the Department of Health and Human Services estimates that the 1992 law has saved over \$14.3 million to date. This is consistent with the 1992 House Judiciary Committee report on this topic which noted that the savings from the law would far exceed the costs of coverage.

I want to take a moment to discuss the history of this legislation in the 104th Congress.

As I noted earlier, the House passed a similar bill today under suspension of the rules.

The version reported from the House Commerce Committee on September 27 was very similar to the approach that Senator KENNEDY and I were developing. However, that bill recommended a 3-year extension whereas we believed a permanent extension was warranted.

Ultimately, through discussions with our House colleagues, we were able to reach an agreement and the bill that passed the House today makes the FTCA coverage for CHC's permanent.

The bill that passed the House today also differs from our approach in two other areas.

First, I understand that the House bill makes explicit that centers are not required to operate under the FTCA aegis. In other words, centers are free to purchase insurance on their own if they so desire. I believe this is appropriate, and have no objection to this provision. It clearly was our intent in drafting S. 1471.

Second, in order to address concerns that our claims experience may be too limited in the first 3 years of operation to predict the adequacy of future reserves, we have provided for a General Accounting Office study of the medical liability risk exposure of centers. If—as seems unlikely based on the past experience and future expectations—unforeseen problems develop in this program, this issue can be revisited.

The House bill contains a GAO study provision which is much more detailed

than that embodied in the bill we introduce today. Again, I have no objection to the House alternative.

Mr. President, in closing, I note that the administration is supportive of this legislation and of making the program permanent. According to a recent administration report in support of extending FTCA coverage: "Our experience to date * * * is sufficiently positive that we believe that it is advisable to adopt FTCA coverage without a time limitation, rather than to continue to insert sunset provisions."

The legislation that Senator KENNEDY and I are introducing today will result in the delivery of more public health services to underserved areas throughout the country, whether these areas are urban or rural. It is no secret to my colleagues that I am a tremendous fan of the work that CHC's are doing, especially in Utah, and I think it behooves the Congress to give them this added tool to help improve health care services in areas in which access has traditionally suffered.

At the bottom line, the 1992 legislation achieved more public health bang-for-the-buck and should be made permanent.

It is important that a bill be acted upon in the near future to extend coverage so that centers will know whether or not they have to purchase private coverage for 1996. Therefore, I urge my colleagues to support a permanent extension of the legislation authorizing Federal Tort Claims Act coverage of community health centers.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 881

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. GRAMS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 881, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify provisions relating to church pension benefit plans, to modify certain provisions relating to participants in such plans, to reduce the complexity of and to bring workable consistency to the applicable rules, to promote retirement savings and benefits, and for other purposes.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. BENNETT, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, a bill to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of certain water reclamation and re-use projects and desalination research and development projects, and for other purposes.

S. 1166

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. FRIST] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1166, a bill to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, to improve the registration of pes-

ticides, to provide minor use crop protection, to improve pesticide tolerances to safeguard infants and children, and for other purposes.

S. 1289

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1289, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify the use of private contracts, and for other purposes.

S. 1360

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1360, a bill to ensure personal privacy with respect to medical records and health care-related information, and for other purposes.

S. 1392

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1392, a bill to impose temporarily a 25-percent duty on imports of certain Canadian wood and lumber products, to require the administering authority to initiate an investigation under title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930 with respect to such products, and for other purposes.

S. 1414

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. COHEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1414, a bill to ensure that payments during fiscal year 1996 of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities, of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of such veterans, and of other veterans benefits are made regardless of Government financial shortfalls.

S. 1429

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. KERREY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1429, a bill to provide clarification in the reimbursement to States for federally funded employees carrying out Federal programs during the lapse in appropriations between November 14, 1995, through November 19, 1995.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 43

At the request of Mr. HELMS, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. PELL], the Senator from New York [Mr. MOYNIHAN], and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. SIMON] were added as cosponsors of Senate Joint Resolution 43, a joint resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding Wei Jingsheng; Gedhun Choekyi Nyima, the next Panchen Lama of Tibet; and the human rights practices of the Government of the People's Republic of China.

AMENDMENT NO. 3097

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of Amendment No. 3097 proposed to Senate Joint Resolution 31, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the

Constitution of the United States to grant Congress and the States the power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, December 12, 1995, to conduct a markup of S. 1228, Iran Foreign Oil Sanctions Act of 1995.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the full Committee on Environment and Public Works be granted permission to conduct a hearing Tuesday, December 12, at 2:30 p.m., Hearing room (SD-406) on S. 776, the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act Amendments of 1995.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, December 12, 1995, at 2 p.m. to hold a business meeting to vote on pending items.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Governmental Affairs Committee to meet on Tuesday, December 12, at 2:15 p.m. for a markup on the following agenda:

NOMINATIONS

Donald S. Wasserman, to be member, Federal Labor Relations Board.

David Williams, to be Inspector General, Social Security Administration. (Sequential referral. Finance held its hearing on Thursday, November 30, and favorably reported the nominee out).

LEGISLATION

S. 1224, the Administrative Disputes Resolution Act of 1995.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, December 12, 1995, for purposes of conducting a markup on S. 814, to provide for the reorganization of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and S. 1159, to establish an American Indian Policy Information Center.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business be authorized to